

Georgetown City Council Meeting
November 25, 2013
6:00 pm

The meeting of the Georgetown City Council was called to order by Mayor Everette Varney, with all members present. After a moment of silence Councilmember Thompson led the pledge.

1. **Minutes**

A motion was made by Councilmember McEuen and seconded by Councilmember Tackett to approve the minutes from the City Council meeting held November 11, 2013. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

2. **Acknowledgement Receipt of Check Register**

Mayor Varney requested that council acknowledge receipt of the check register. Council members all acknowledged such receipt.

3. **Public Concerns**

- a) Randy Garrison representing Georgetown Main Street asked permission to block Main Street from Hamilton Street to Broadway on December 7 from 9:00 am until after the parade. Vendors will set up along the street during the day. A motion for approval was made by Councilmember Singer and seconded by Councilmember McEuen. **The motion was unanimously approved.**
- b) David Quick, Main Street Director, has been working with the NAACP and the immigrant initiative to advertise events in Georgetown. Main Streets annual audit has been completed. Main Street met with Tourism to discuss a partnership for the Festival of the Horse. Preparation for the renewal of certification is in process. Kevin Dyer is working with local businesses to produce online video advertisements. Continuing efforts to get lapsed members of Main Street back into program.
- c) Kiva Adkins a resident of Georgetown would like to see the new Police Department built.
- d) Darcy Tipton representing PCA asked for street closure April 12th from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm for a 5K run. A motion for approval was made by Councilmember Thompson and seconded by Councilmember Tackett. **The motion was unanimously approved.**
- e) Steve Price spoke against the new Police Department building.

4. **Mayors Comments**

Mayor Varney asked council to schedule a special meeting for the second reading of the flood plain ordinance. The first reading will be on December 9th and there will not be another regular meeting before the deadline to participate in the program. A motion to hold a special meeting on January 6, 2014 at 6:00 pm was made by Councilmember McEuen and seconded by Councilmember Tackett. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

5. **Second Reading of Carley Court Ordinance**

A motion to approve the ordinance to close Carley Court was made by Councilmember McEuen and seconded by Councilmember Tingle-Sames. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

6. **Presentation for New Police Department –Chief Bosse/Mike Carroll**

Chief Bosse spoke about the need for a new building for the Police Department in Georgetown. Chief Bosse focused on several areas that would benefit including victim privacy, evidence storage, space for training, a community room, restrooms, and locker/changing room with showers. Mike Carroll the architect spoke about the sustainability of this building concerning the design.

7. **Finance**

- a) Stacey Clark, Finance Director, updated council concerning funding a new building for the police department. 4.2 million dollars will be the cost of construction. Mrs. Clark has spoken with Ross Sinclair concerning financing options. Recurring expenses and revenues were reviewed and Mrs. Clark suggested that garbage franchise could be moved to the general fund. The total amount due to Brandstetter-Carroll is estimated to be \$322,500.00.
- b) Mrs. Clark requested permission to bid the construction of the police department. A motion was made by Councilmember Lusby and seconded by Councilmember Tingle-Sames to proceed with a request for qualification for a construction manager. The motion passed 5-4 Mayor Varney voting to break the tie. In favor of the motion were council members Lusby, Tingle-Sames, Singer, and Tackett.
- c) First reading of budget amendment ordinance- Sponsors Lusby and Tackett
- d) Councilmember Tackett suggested raising the insurance premium tax from 5% to 7%. The increase could be set up to sunset in ten years. The funds could be set aside specifically for the new Police Department. Councilmember Tackett urged council to consider this as an option.

8. **City Attorney/City Clerk**

- a) Second reading of amendment to alcohol ordinance. A motion for approval was made by Councilmember Penn and seconded by Councilmember Showalter. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

- b) Councilmember Singer stated he would be interested in a gas franchise fee if it was kept revenue neutral. He does not want to impose a fee for profit. City Attorney Andrew Hartley said he would check the electric franchise fee agreement to see if the fee could be changed.

9. **Fire**

Chief Bruin requested permission to apply for the AFG grant. There are 2 grants. One would purchase AD's the other would purchase fire suppression systems for stations 1 and 2. These grants are 10% match grants that max at \$100,000.00 per station. A motion for approval was made by Councilmember Thompson and seconded by Councilmember Penn. The motion passed 5-2 council members Lusby and Singer opposing.

10. **Stormwater**

Councilmember Singer is opposed to a stormwater user fee and asked for councils opinions of the fee. Councilmember Lusby is against the fee because many businesses and neighborhoods have already put in proper systems and would be charged regardless.

11. **Closed Session**

A motion to enter into executive session pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(b) to deliberate the future sale or acquisition of real property and pursuant to KRS 61.810(1) (c) to discuss proposed or pending litigation was made by Councilmember Lusby and seconded by Councilmember Tackett. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

A motion to re-enter regular session was made by Councilmember Tingle-Sames and seconded by Councilmember Tackett. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

No action was taken during the closed session.

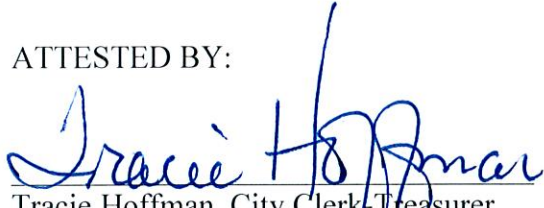
A motion to approve Parks and Recreation to enter litigation to recover losses at Suffoleta Aquatic Center and to enter into an agreement with KLC to recover half of the loss was made by Councilmember Tackett and seconded by Councilmember Singer. **The motion was unanimously approved.** Councilmember Lusby recused himself.

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Tackett and seconded by Councilmember Singer.

APPROVED


Everette Varney, Mayor

ATTESTED BY:


Tracie Hoffman, City Clerk-Treasurer